TOP WAYS TO HELP YOU SAVE ELECTRICITY AT HOME

Save 50% or more on your electricity. The more electricity you save, the more money you save. It's that simple. And with rising electricity tariffs, the savings will only increase.



Turn down your geyser temperature to 60°C. This will save you up to 5% on your electricity bill.



Dry

Dry laundry using sunshine whenever possible, not the tumble dryer. For rainy days, use drying racks indoors.



Seal

Seal or block gaps around windows and doors to keep heat from escaping and cold drafts from breezing in.



Switch

Move to using gas for cooking. Gas is more efficient than electricity and you have the added bonus of still being able to cook during power outages.



Rather take a shower. You'll save up to 80% in water and use 5 times less electricity than heating a bath of water.



Twist Replace regular bulbs with energy-saving ones that use 6 times less electricity.

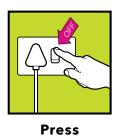


Light

Light a fire instead of using electric heating. Fireplaces retain heat and warm spaces effectively, keeping your cost down and the warmth up.



Lay Insulate your ceiling. It slows heat loss, making your home up to 5°C warmer in winter, saving up to 16% of your electricity annually.



Switch off appliances at the wall and pull out chargers. Leaving them in standby mode could cost you up to 6% more electricity.



Fit Install an energy and water efficient showerhead. These use up to 40% less hot water and will save you

money on your electricity bill.



Cover

Fit your geyser with a geyser blanket. It prevents heat loss, reducing the cost of electricity needed to keep water hot.



Install Invest in a solar water heater. It uses the sun to heat up your water, saving you 25% or more on your electricity bill.



Set your pool pump to run fewer hours. At 10 hours a day, it uses about 11% of your electricity. For winter, 2 - 3 hours is enough for most pools.



Place

Bring food to a boil then place hot pot in an insulation cooker. The retained heat slow-cooks, saving up to 60% on energy.



Wrap

Insulate your hot water pipes. This prevents heat loss, reducing the cost of electricity needed to keep water hot.



Generate Install a solar photovoltaic system. These generate electricity from the sun's energy.

For more useful tips and further information on how you can save electricity and on the City's Accredited Solar Water Heater programme, visit **www.SavingElectricity.org.za**.



